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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Dr. Mark MacGuigan, announced today that the Foreign Ministers of Canada, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States took advantage of their presence in Ottawa on July 20 and 21 to discuss the question of Namibia. They agreed upon the urgent need to continue the effort to bring about the independence of Namibia in accordance with Security Council Resolution 435, in a manner that will command international approval. The United States' Secretary of State, Alexander Haig, discussed with his colleagues the results of Deputy Secretary Clark's mission to South Africa, Namibia and Zimbabwe, June 10-13. The Ministers considered measures which would complement and strengthen the existing United Nations' plan and provide the confidence necessary for all parties to proceed.

The Ministers decided to convene a follow-up meeting of senior officials next week in Paris to formulate proposals to carry forward the settlement process in consultation with all parties concerned. They decided to meet again in New York during the United Nations' General Assembly session in September to review further how the process can best be pursued.